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SUBJ: JOURNALIST VISITS TO DIEGO GARCIA

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1. WHILE GOS MAY POSE OBJECTIONS, EMBASSY BELIEVES ON
BALANCE IT WILL PROBABLY ALLOW USE OF SINGAPORE AS A
REFUELING AND BOARDING STOP FOR A SPECIAL DOD FLIGHT
ORIGINATING IN MANILA PROVIDED THAT:

A. AT LEAST SOME OF THE JOURNALISTS MAKING THE TRIP
BOARD IN MANILA;

B. THEY ARE CONSULTED IN ADVANCE AND THAT USE OF
SINGAPORE AS A FUELING STOP NOT BE EMPHASIZED AS A MAJOR
ELEMENT OF THE JOURNALISTS' REPORTAGE; (WE BELIEVE WE
CAN ASSURE THAT THE AMERICANS AND AUSTRALIANS BASED IN
SINGAPORE WHO HAVE ALREADY ASKED TO MAKE THE TRIP WILL
AGREE TO PLAY SINGAPORE'S ROLE IN LOW KEY, BUT WONDER
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IF JOURNALISTS BASED AND BOARDING ELSEWHERE WILL AGREE

TO DO SO.)

C. AT LEAST TWO SINGAPORE JOURNALISTS BE INVITED TO MAKE THE TRIP. TO DATE NO SINGAPORE JOURNALISTS HAVE ASKED TO VISIT DIEGO GARCIA AND ARE PROBABLY NOT EVEN AWARE THAT SUCH POSSIBILITY EXISTS. THEY WILL LEARN ABOUT IT, HOWEVER, AS ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE AND WILL BE UNDERSTANDABLY UPSET IF EXCLUDED.

2. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY FIFTY FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS REPRESENTING MANY NATIONS WHO USE SINGAPORE AS A BASE FROM WHICH TO COVER SE ASIA. NOUR OF THESE HAVE STANDING REQUESTS FOR TRIP ON FILE AT CINCPAC: CARL MYDANS OF READERS DIGEST, PETER O'LOUGHLIN OF AP, MICHAEL RICHARDSON OF MELBOURNE AGE AND SYDNEY HERALD, AND BRUCE WILSON OF MELBOURNE HERALD. (FIFTH, MICHAEL MORROW OF FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW WHOSE REQUEST ALSO LONGSTANDING, HAS NOW LEFT SINGAPORE.) OF OTHERS, HALF DOZEN REPRESENTING INDIAN MEDIA ARE PARTICULARLY LIKELY TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN TRIP TO DIEGO GARCIA. BELIEVE WE CAN TURN MOST OR EVEN ALL OF THESE AWAY ON "THOSE WHO ASK FIRST -GET" BASIS.
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